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REACH OUT IN LOVE

4 Nov 2018

Prayer:

**Let your Holy Word speak to us O God,
Let your Holy Word search the depths of our
hearts to examine and correct us; and
Let your Holy Word come alive in us for
application of your Truth in this world that you
have called us to.**

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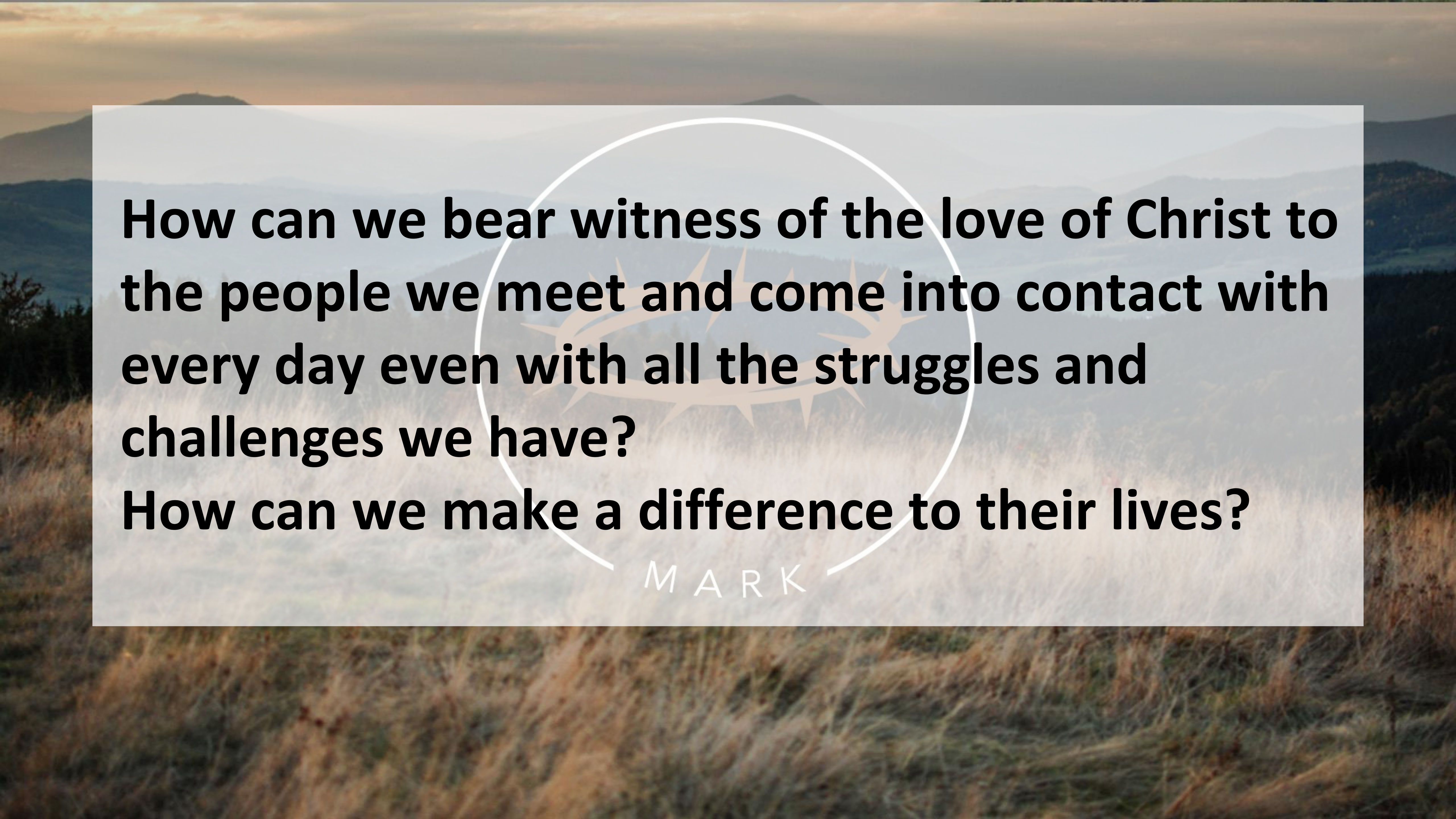
In Jesus name. Amen.

Mark 1:14,15

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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How can we bear witness of the love of Christ to the people we meet and come into contact with every day even with all the struggles and challenges we have?

How can we make a difference to their lives?

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Love God

Love His People

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**“Of all the commandments,
which is the most important?”**

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Jesus Answers the Scribe:

v. 29 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

v. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

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See also: Deuteronomy 6:4,5

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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Jesus Answers the Scribe:

v. 31 The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself”. There is no commandment greater than these.

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John 13:34,35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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Psalm 139:13-16 (The Message)

**You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into
something.**

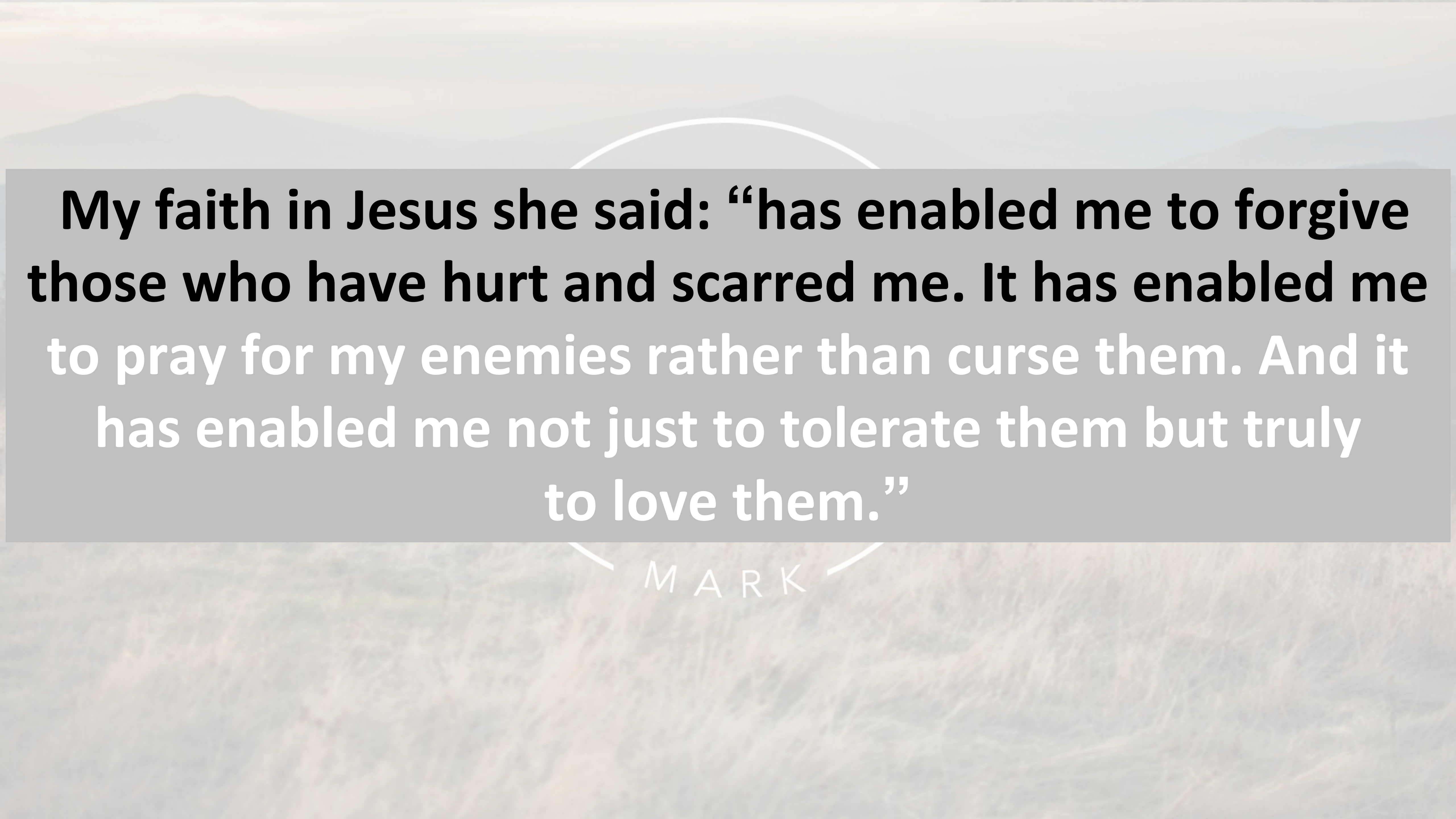
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“How desperately I needed peace. How ready I was for love and joy. I had so much hatred in my heart, so much bitterness. I wanted to let go of all my pain. I wanted to pursue life instead of holding fast to fantasies of death. I wanted this Jesus.”

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Christianity Today

Kim Phuc Phan Thi



My faith in Jesus she said: “has enabled me to forgive those who have hurt and scarred me. It has enabled me to pray for my enemies rather than curse them. And it has enabled me not just to tolerate them but truly to love them.”

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How can we be witness of the love of Christ and make a difference to their lives?

Love God with
our all, our
whole being.
Love for others
flows out of His
love for us and
as we love Him.

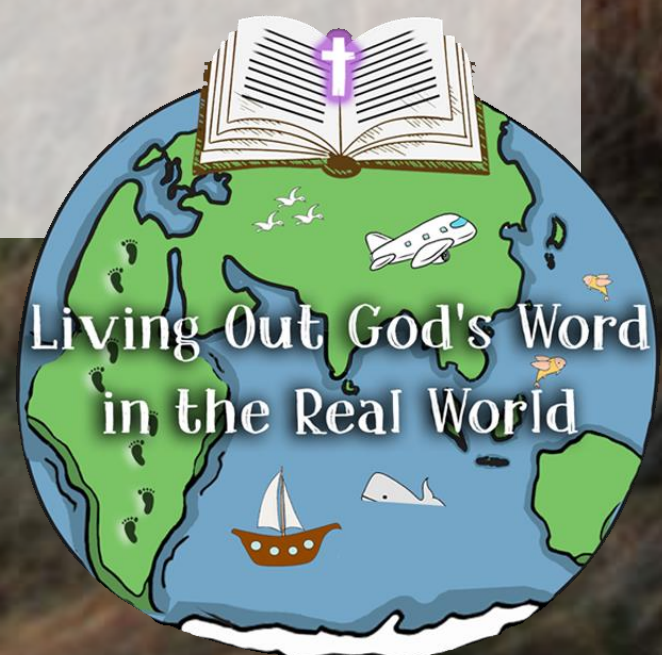
Love others for
who they are -
they are God's
creation

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Love others just
as Christ
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for us

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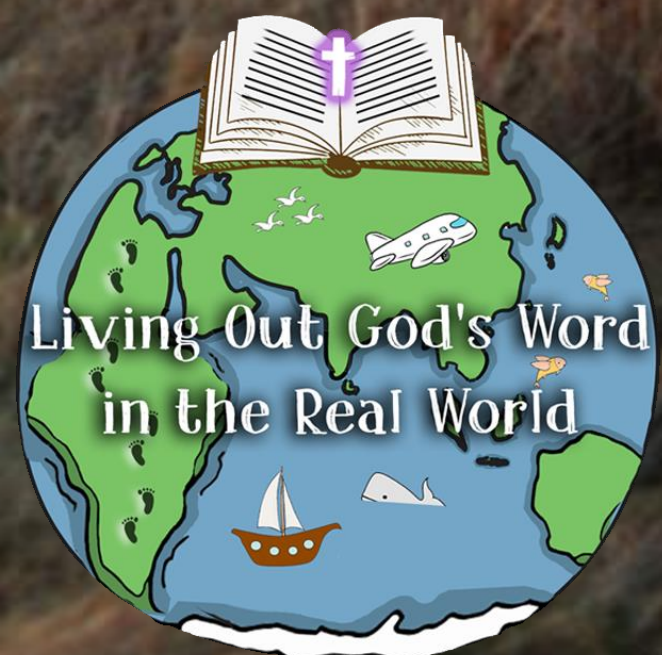
- **Christ loved by meeting their immediate needs. Mark 6; Mark 3**
- **Christ loved those who he was with. Mark 7:25-30**
- **Christ loved sinners and outcasts. Matthew 9:9-13**



Let the Holy Spirit be our Guide

Reach out in love – by our deeds

- **Keeping our eyes open to meet needs**
- **Spend time with those from overseas**
 - **Deepen relationships**
 - **Forgive/seek forgiveness**



The Scribe speaks to Jesus

v. 32 “Well said, **teacher**, the man replied. You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

V33 To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is **more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.**”

Verse 34 –

“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

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“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

But he got everything didn't he?

- **Asked the priority question**
- **Got a clear answer from Jesus**
- **Confirmed his understanding of the standards of the law**
- **Knew that he had to obey the commandments (1 Samuel 15:22)**